

REMARKS

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon et al. (US 6,736,527) in view of Slomski (US 3,700,881). Claims 1, 4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon et al. (US 6,736,527) in view of Slomski (US 3,700,881) and Belliveau (US 6,048,080). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon et al. (US 6,736,527) in view of Slomski (US 3,700,881) and Belliveau (US 6,048,080) and Renold (US 4,778,093). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

Claim 8 has been cancelled and its features have been added to claim 1. The scope of claim 1 (as amended), including equivalents, should be the same as claim 8 as originally filed;. In view of section 8 of the office action, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 2 has been converted from dependent form into independent form. This change in form does not narrow or limit the scope of the claim. In view of section 8 of the office action, claim 2 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 has been converted from dependent form into independent form. This change in form does not narrow or limit the scope of the claim. In view of section 8 of the office action, claim 6 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 has been amended above to clarify applicant's claimed invention. Claim 9 claims that the lamp bulb and the reflector are sized and shaped such that an operator can see a general ring shaped gap between an innermost edge of an aperture through the reflector and the lamp bulb. In Slomski, the rear end of the collar of the reflector 26 appears to extend inward past the outer rim of the bulb portion 12. Thus, there is no observable general ring shaped gap between an innermost edge of an aperture (proximate the rear end of collar 28) of the reflector 26 and the lamp bulb. There would not be a distinctively clear gap which could be viewed by the operator. With applicant's invention, on the other hand, the operator can see a general ring shaped gap between an innermost edge of an aperture through the reflector and the lamp bulb which is distinctive. This distinctive ring shaped gap allows the operator to align the bulb properly. The features of claim 9 are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art. Therefore, claim 9 is patentable and should be allowed.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.



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